

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

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For: INJECTION MECHANISM OF INJECTION MOLDING MACHINE

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Before examination of the above-identified application, please amend the application as follows:

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IN THE CLAIMS

Please AMEND the claims in accordance with the following:

A1 3. (ONCE AMENDED) An injection mechanism of an injection molding machine according to claim 1, wherein the fixed section of each of the linear motors is detachably attached to the outer frame so that electrical elements of the fixed section face electrical elements of the movable section of each of the linear motors, respectively.

4. (ONCE AMENDED) An injection mechanism of an injection molding machine according to claim 1, wherein a hole section is provided in the outer frame, the fixed section of each of the linear motors is constituted of a lid closing the hole section, and electrical elements